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AWAITING JUDGMENT.

Within a few days the country will be in possession of the available testimony in the Sampson-Schley controversy.

The opening of the Court of Inquiry yesterday in Washington may rightly be judged the beginning of the end of this unfortunate quarrel between high officials in the navy.

Since it was definitely determined that there would be a Court of Inquiry Americans have carefully suspended judgment.

There has been little public expression of prejudice. The press and the attitude of the Navy Department have discouraged a discussion that could do little but harm.

There is every evidence that the investigation into the actions and conduct of Rear Admiral Schley at Santiago will be thorough. The high character and standing of the court assure a fair trial.

There is a complete list of witnesses. It is evident that the whole truth can be brought out in the testimony. If the witnesses will only tell the facts without letting professional prejudices influence them, the country will be more than willing to abide by the decision of the judges.

NOT A THEORY.

St. Louis has a practical situation that must be faced at the special election on October 22.

By the acceptance or rejection of the Charter amendments, the people will decide whether the municipal departments shall continue to lack adequate support.

As has been frequently stated, St. Louis is suffering from the restrictions imposed by a Scheme and Charter adopted in 1875.

This organic law places the city in the embarrassing position of trying to govern 575,000 people with an instrument that rightfully provides for half that population.

Many of the municipal expenditures are fixed by statute. Included in this class are the administration of justice, assessment of revenue, inquiries, State elections and registration, Recorder of Deeds and police.

At the present time, these departments use \$2,288,251 annually.

Fixed under municipal control, the city courts, city elections, fire and health departments, sanitary measures, public institutions, charities, lighting, parks and maintenance of streets and sewers cost \$2,628,835.

Adding together the expenditures fixed by statute and those under municipal control, and deducting this sum from the general revenue of the city, only \$1,070,085 is left for the general administration of the city.

Because of this state of affairs the Municipal Assembly confronted a deficiency of \$900,000 between the estimates of officials and revenue in sight.

By cutting down appropriations in every department where it could possibly be done, this deficiency was overcome for the time being.

Wards of the city were put on a poorer diet. Two branch dispensaries will be closed on the first of the month.

There is no money for street and sewer improvements. The insane Asylum has 600 patients in a building intended for 300.

The Poorhouse is compelled to put wards in sheds. A temporary city hospital that is a disgrace to the city is used. The new City Hall remains uncompleted.

Money is needed to remedy all these defects. A great amount will have to be spent to put the public buildings in presentable condition for World's Fair visitors.

Boulevards will have to be reconstructed. Unhealthy sewers will have to be repaired. Districts that are now without drainage facilities must be connected with the sewerage system.

In fact, St. Louis needs an overhauling. Mayor Wells, a practical business man, has succeeded in cutting down expenses wherever possible.

There is no point where further economy can be exercised. New officials are increasing collections. Still, for lack of revenue public work in St. Louis cannot proceed.

The people must make possible a changing of this condition by adopting the Charter amendments on October 22.

GREAT TASK WELL BEGUN.

By means of the early establishment of bureaus in the various art centers of the world the great task of collecting for the World's Fair of 1903 the most notable art exhibits ever made at an international exposition will be materially facilitated.

Director Ives of the Art Department of the World's Fair is to be commended for the energy and intelligence with which he has set about organizing these foreign bureaus.

With the experience which he gained while in charge of the similar department for the Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893 he is now going direct to the very heart of his present mission.

There should be no foreign point of art interest neglected in arranging for the exhibit to be made in St. Louis.

It is plain that Director Ives fully realizes the necessity of art cosmopolitanism in a real World's Fair.

A tremendous amount of work has been done in the past few days.

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BLINDED AT HOME.

It is astonishing that the Globe-Democrat so invariably busies itself by calling public attention to imaginary evils in the State administration of Missouri's affairs and as invariably remains blind to real evils in the municipal machinery of the city wherein it is published.

Were the Globe genuinely solicitous for the public good, it would surely pay more attention to the disastrous Combine against the city's progress now existing in the Municipal Assembly. That calamitous organization of obstructionists certainly calls for close and continuous scrutiny and criticism from every local newspaper. Yet, from the first day of its development as an obstacle to the World's Fair improvement of St. Louis it has been left to The Republic to fight this Combine. There has been occasional listless help from one or two afternoon papers. But from the Globe the community has had no co-operation in the struggle for municipal betterment.

That the Globe allowed The Republic to wage a single-handed battle against the men and influences responsible for the conditions existing under the Ziegler regime could be explained on the basis of the Globe's partisanship. It might be argued that the Globe could not bring itself to the point of adverse criticism of a local Republican administration. But why should the Globe so studiously refrain from participation in the Republic's fight on the present Combine in the House of Delegates? Party considerations do not keep the Globe silent. It might even hope for some party profit from joining in so righteous a movement for the general good. Yet daily the Globe leaves to The Republic the task of calling public attention to Municipal Assembly shortcomings and misdeeds.

How does the Globe explain its persistent refusal to face the truth of conditions in St. Louis and its equally persistent determination to misrepresent Missouri conditions? The Globe's hatred of the State is working the greatest injury to Missouri through this malicious misrepresentation. The Globe could aid in accomplishing much good for St. Louis by a fearless criticism of the Municipal Assembly Combine. Why does it deliberately proclaim imaginary evils in State affairs and refuse to perceive the real evils so obvious in municipal affairs? The Globe's course is a mystery—especially to the people of the State which it so delights to slander and malign.

THE CZOLGOSZ PLOT.

Federal and State activity in searching for proofs of an anarchist plot as the originating cause of the attempted assassination of President McKinley by the anarchist Czolgosz contains a promise of definite results which is full of encouragement.

The Government Secret Service is leaving nothing undone in the task of arriving at the ultimate truth of Czolgosz's bloody deed. In every State of the Union where anarchists are harbored the State and municipal authorities are similarly active. Behind the work of the Federal Government and of the States there is a public sentiment which demands the crushing of anarchy. The weapon with which this murder-cult may most effectively and promptly be crushed is the full truth of the attempt on President McKinley's life.

There is ample reason for believing that Czolgosz was the selected instrument for the performance of a murder determined upon by certain anarchist leaders. His manner bears every token of training under anarchist guidance. It is the habit of this society of assassins to thus select and train a tool for the commission of the crimes upon which they determine. What is known of Czolgosz's movements prior to the shooting of the President indicates that he was in close touch with anarchist leaders almost to the very eve of his great crime.

It should not be impossible for the Government Secret Service and the detective departments of great American cities to learn the full truth of the anarchist plot behind Czolgosz and to apprehend and bring to punishment the criminals associated in that plot. The country confidently expects this performance. The American people are determined that anarchy shall be crushed in America. They hope to begin the process with a swift retribution for every anarchist implicated in the attempted assassination of President McKinley.

GRAFT.

Only one question is presented to St. Louis by the Combine in the House of Delegates. The members in that organization stand squarely on the issue of a private control of public business. Every bill now pigeonholed in committee is held back in order to give the Combine more power and graft.

When the fender bill was first introduced, the Delegates now engaged in the gentle business of throttling the measure made loud protestations of their horror at the numerous deaths resulting from defective safety appliances on the street cars. Delegate Kinney even went so far as to ask for the appointment of a commission to investigate all complaints against the street railways.

Characteristic methods are used in killing the fender bill. The Combine wants to assume executive functions, properly vested in the Board of Public Improvements, by creating a joint committee of the House and Council which shall have power to pass on all fenders. On this proposed committee will be seven Delegates and three Councilmen. The public can guess how well it will be served by such an arrangement.

There can be no more street improvement until the score and more of bills now held in the House Committee of Public Improvements are reported. There is no claim that the public is being served by this hold-up. There is a claim that telford pavement should be

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